Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 27 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 28 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 26 Jan 2023 at 12:03 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the changeable pattern, medium for timing of the changes.

Headline for Friday 27 Jan 2023: Dry start with some sunshine then clouding over from northwest, with some hill fog and patchy drizzle developing.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 27 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Dull	Fog	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	<05%	10%	20%	30%	40%

Forecast for Friday 27 Jan 2023

Weather: A dry bright morning and early afternoon for most with some sunny periods, though cloud increasing across Mull and Lochaber by midday, this extending into Argyll and the Trossachs by mid-afternoon with some hill fog developing. Generally overcast in the evening with some initially light rain and drizzle developing, starting off as freezing rain, sleet or snow flurries above 900m. The rain a little heavier by late evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% falling 70% by midday and 20% by dusk, chances reducing quicker further to the northwest.

Low Cloud and visibility: Little cloud at first but layered cloud arriving at 600-900m from the northwest, this lowering to 450m in places by evening. Visibility initially very good, but deteriorating as rain and drizzle develops later, and of course very poor in the cloud-induced hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/7 S	11/14 S	14/18 S	17/22 S	23/31 SW	26/34 SW	23/31 SW	22/29 SW	17/22 W
900	7/9 S	11/14 SW	12/16 SW	14/19 SW	19/27 SW	20/29 SW	18/26 SW	15/23 SW	11/16 W
600	5/6 S	11/14 SW	13/17 S	15/21 S	21/29 SW	23/32 SW	21/29 SW	18/24 SW	8/13 W
300	3/4 SE	5/8 S	7/11 S	8/14 S	9/16 S	12/21 SW	11/20 S	9/16 SW	5/9 NW
Glen	1/2 NW	3/5 S	5/10 S	6/13 S	8/17 SW	12/24 SW	10/21 SW	8/18 SW	4/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-8	-5/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-9	0/-8	-2/-9
900	-4/-8	-3/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	1/-4	0/-4
600	-0/-3	-0/-5	-0/-5	0/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2	2/-1
300	2/0	1/-1	2/-1	2/-2	3/0	4/0	4/0	5/2	4/3
Glen	-0/-2	1/-0	2/-0	3/-0	5/2	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	400m	600m	700m	900m	1200m	1400m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A deceptively sunny start but cloud and hill fog arriving later

Forecast for Saturday 28 Jan 2023
Weather: Low cloud and light rain or drizzle clearing south in the early hours. Then the day dry and bright with broken or well broken cloud allowing some sunshine at times. Cloud becoming more extensive in the evening, though apart from the odd spot of rain or summit snow flurry it will stay dry.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20 gusts 30mph increasing 30 gusts 40mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in early hours then 80-90% by daybreak, falling 30% during the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud at 300-600m in early hours with poor visibility in drizzle quickly clearing then well broken cloud during the day, above 1000m, mainly in north, the cloud becoming more extensive in the evening and lowering 700-900m. By daylight visibility away from any patchy cloud on northern summits, will be good.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 Celsius at dawn rising to Plus 6 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Plus 4 at midnight falling to 0 degrees by morning
Freezing level: 1200m at midnight falling 800m by morning

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